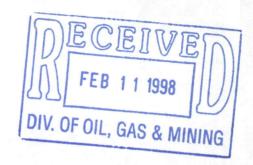


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Feb 9, 1997

Mr. Jon Showalter Cotter Corporation P.O. Box 700 Nucla, CO 81424

RE: ML 45609-BSLS

Dear Mr. Showalter,

I am in receipt of your Feb. 3, 1998, notice of intent to amend the mine plan for the Papoose Quarry. I understand that the amendment will change the boundaries of the mining-area but that the total area of proposed surface disturbance will not be increased.

The Trust Lands Administration has reviewed the proposed change in boundaries of the mining area and has no objection. I would appreciate receiving an updated and revised 1"=200' map of the mine site and appurtenant facilities at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

John T. Blake

Mineral Resources Specialist

cc: Tony Gallegos